

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 12/8/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Tunica Biloxi Indians PAC
Office:
Parish:
Election Date:
Level of Office: PAC

P.O. Box 416
Mansura, LA
71350

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: JULY 2021 MONTHLY
Original Due Date: 8/10/2021
Date Filed: 8/16/2021
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$6,872.36
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$304,380.84

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1,200
Days Late: 6
Late Fee Order Received: 8/27/21
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/16/21
Waiver Request Received: 9/9/21
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was submitted by fax by Chairman David Rivas, Jr. and he states that he requests a waiver of this fine as the delay to their reporting was directly affected due to Covid-19. He states that on July 26, 2021 several of the tribal government employees tested positive for Covid 19 and the Chairman of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe at the direction of their Chief Medical Officer shut down the government office until further notice. He says that due to the shutdown, it caused the collection of information required for their monthly reporting became greatly delayed as employees were out due to Covid but were generated as soon as possible. He said the office returned to work on September 8, 2021.

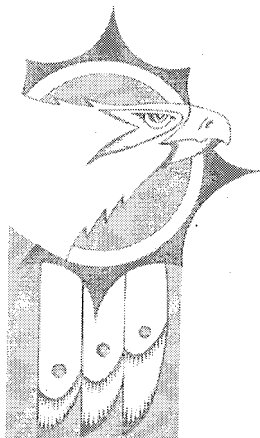
OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No



THE
TUNICA-BILOXI
INDIAN
POLITICAL
ACTION
COMMITTEE

September 9th, 2021

RE: Waiver Request for Late Fee Assessment for July 2021 Monthly

Dear Louisiana Board of Ethics,

We have recently received a letter in regards to a late fee assessment in the amount of **\$1,200** after our monthly report for the month of July 2021 was filed late. We are requesting a waiver of this fine as the delay to our reporting was directly affected due to COVID-19.

On July 26th, several of our tribal government employees tested positive for COVID-19 and thus a decision was made by the Chairman of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe, at the direction of our Chief Medical Officer, to shut down our government office until further notice. We have attached the memorandum letter that all employees received.

Due to the shutdown, this caused the collection of information required for our monthly reporting became greatly delayed as employees were out due to COVID but was generated as soon as possible.

Our office has returned to work as of September 8th, 2021 as long as employees supplied a negative COVID test. We have also attached a copy of the notice for our return.

We humbly ask for your assistance in this matter and hope you understand our circumstances.

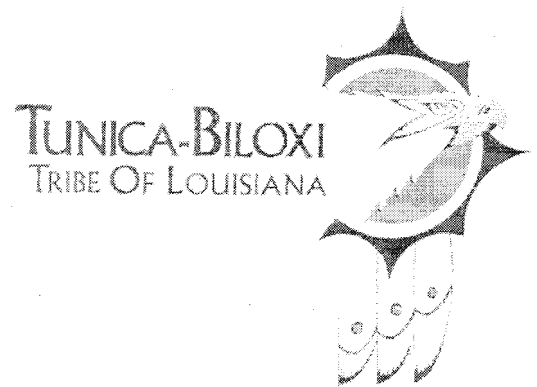
David Rivas Jr.
TBIPAC Director
318-264-5161

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To: All Tribal Government Employees

From: Dr. Dana Mays, Chief Medical Officer

Date: July 26, 2021

Re: COVID Shutdown

As the Chief Medical Officer and in conjunction with the COVID Response Committee and Director of Public Health a joint decision has been reached to shut down the Tunica-Biloxi Tribal government to combat the spread of COVID infections. Only essential personnel are permitted to report to work. If able, essential personnel are recommended to work from home. This order is in place until further notice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Mays, MD".

Dana Mays, MD

Cc: James T. Martin, Tribal Administrator



Karen Dorsey
Tunica Biloxi Tribe
To: Tunica

ATTENTION

Please accept this email as notice that employees who have received a clearance from the Health clinic are required to return to the worksite on Wednesday, September 8th. The safety protocols established will remain in effect. Employees must adhere to the following protocols.

- Conduct a temperature check at the designated entrance on arrival
- Wear a mask
- Remain in your designated work bubble to minimize exposure

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or Terry Bonnette.

Thank you.

Karen Pierite Dorsey
Human Resources Director
Tunica Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
318-240-6430 Office
833-266-2160 Fax



Reply Reply all Forward

Melissa Horn

From: Spencer Galland <sgalland@tunica.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Melissa Horn
Subject: Re: Campaign Finance Late Fees/ 10-P 10/12/2019 election
Attachments: TBIPAC Waiver Request July Monthly.PDF; CMO Government Shutdown 7.26.2021.pdf; Return.jpg

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Mrs. Horn,

Attached is our waiver request letter in regards to the late filing of July 2021. Also attached are the office shutdown memo as well as an email we received instructing our return.

Please let me know if this will suffice and the decision of our request.

Thank you and have a great day.

Spencer Galland
TBIPAC Coordinator
318-500-0002

From: Spencer Galland <sgalland@tunica.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Melissa Horn <Melissa.Horn@la.gov>
Subject: Re: Campaign Finance Late Fees/ 10-P 10/12/2019 election

Thank you Mrs. Horn,

I spoke with Mr. Rivas who instructed me to let you know that we will be submitting a check to the Ethics Board in the amount of \$3,200 to cover the late fees for 2019 and the April Monthly report. We are currently typing up a waiver request for the July report as we were in an office closure due to COVID from July 26th, until September 8th. I'll be forwarding you the letter by the end of the day.

Thank you with the assistance in this matter.

Spencer Galland
TBIPAC Coordinator
318-500-0002

From: Melissa Horn <Melissa.Horn@la.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:51 PM
To: Spencer Galland <sgalland@tunica.org>
Subject: Campaign Finance Late Fees/ 10-P 10/12/2019 election

Mr. Galland

As per our conversation attached is a copy of the late fee order for the 10-P report in connection with the October 12, 2019 election addressed to David Rivas. USPS.com tracking shows this late fee order was received on 8/27/2021, therefore the deadline for filing a request for a waiver on all three(3) fines is September 16, 2021.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

Melissa Horn

Program Compliance Officer

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